

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 2:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning on line 3, as follows:

The present invention relates to protection of surfaces in liquids and more particularly to protection of all kinds of hard surfaces subject to degradation due to cavitation erosion, pitting and the like. One special application of the invention refers to windows in Pulsed Spallation Targets. Other applications include ship components, such as parts of hulls, hydrofoils, propellers, rudders and other such surfaces wherein erosion protection or drag reduction is advantageous and desirable. Accordingly, the present invention is directed to protection of any surface in any type of liquid, ~~as set out in the precharacterizing portion of claim 1~~ and more particularly to a surface having a non-smooth portion ~~as set out in the body of the claim~~. Additionally, the present invention is directed to a process for performing the protection ~~as set out in claim 11~~. ~~Other features and advantages of the present invention are discussed in the dependent claims.~~

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, line 21:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 24, as follows:

The present invention is directed to any surface in any type of liquid, ~~as set out in the precharacterizing portion of claim 1~~ and more particularly to a surface having a non-smooth portion ~~as set out in the body of the claim~~. Other features and advantages of the present invention are discussed in the dependent claims

Please insert the following paragraph on page 3, line 28:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph on page 3, line 31:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION